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1. Jet fighters with rather high and angular rudder assemblies but no sweep back to the wings were seen over Orel (36°5'E/52°57'N), Orel Oblast, between November 1948 and October 1949. Two barrels, apparently aircraft cannon, protruded from each wing. \*
2. Drop-shaped attachments, each about 100 cm long, 50 to 60 cm high in front and 10 to 15 cm at the rear, were observed at the wing tips. \*\*

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\*   Comment. The type of aircraft cannot be determined from the description. The main feature of the Mig-9 or Yak-15, the power plant in the fuselage step, was not mentioned. The spade-shaped rudder assembly which was first used on jet planes with swept-back wings is not correct for the jet aircraft type without sweep back.

25X1A\*\* Comment. The wing tip tanks are described more accurately as   25X1  
may have been such tanks on aircraft of US make. The estimated dimensions,  
however, are believed to be incorrect.

25X1A [redacted] Comment: The above information refers to the "novel" type aircraft [redacted]

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